GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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APPROVAL OF PHARMEXCIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government approved Pharmexcil violating their own model;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of members of Chemexcil who have requested for formation of separate council for Pharmaceuticals as required under the guidelines;

(d) what are the steps Government proposes to take so that genuine exporters are represented in export councils and verify the credibility enjoyed by the promoters of Pharmexcil amongst exporters; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise.

c) No request has been received from Chemexcil for formation of a separate council. As per the Department of Commerce`s guidelines regarding restructuring of Export Promotion Councils dated 11th Oct, 2000, the condition regarding popular support of more than 75% exists only for Export Promotion Forums. As regards Pharmexcil, a conscious decision was taken, not to constitute an EPF but an EPC to provide the thrust and specialised services to the growing drugs and pharmaceutical sector. Pharmexcil not being an EPF the guidelines do not hold good for Pharmexcil, which has been set up as an EPC.

d & e) All Export Promotion Councils have been directed to abide by the model bye-laws which contain rules relating to various aspects including election, (issued by this Department). Apart from the above all important decisions are placed before the Committee of Administration, which is also represented by the Government nominees.